

Topical Heading

School Improvement

Program Title

Voluntary Public School Choice

CFDA # (or ED #)

84.361

Administering Office

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII)

Who May Apply (by category)

Local Education Agencies (LEAs), State Education Agencies (SEAs)

Who May Apply (specifically)

One or more SEAs; one or more LEAs; or a partnership of either: (1)(a) one or more SEAs and (b) one or more LEAs or other public, for-profit, or nonprofit entities or (2)(a) one or more LEAs and (b) one or more public, for-profit, or nonprofit entities may apply.

Current Competitions

FY 2007 application deadline: April 2, 2007.

Type of Assistance (by category)

Discretionary/Competitive Grants

Appropriations

Fiscal Year 2005 \$26,542,944

Fiscal Year 2006 \$26,277,570

Fiscal Year 2007 \$26,277,570

Fiscal Year 2007 Awards Information

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Number of New Awards Anticipated: 10–15

Average New Award: \$2,000,000

Range of New Awards: \$700,000–\$3,000,000

Number of Continuation Awards: 0

Legislative Citation

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA), as amended, Title V, Part B, Subpart 3; 20 U.S.C. 7225–7225g

Program Regulations

EDGAR

Program Description

This program supports efforts to establish or expand intradistrict, interdistrict, and open enrollment public school choice programs to provide parents, particularly parents whose children attend low-performing public schools, with expanded education options. Programs and projects assisted under this section are required to use a portion of the grant funds to provide the students selected to participate in the program with transportation services, or the cost of transportation, to and from the public elementary schools and secondary schools, including charter schools, which the students choose to attend under the program. A grantee may not use funds for school construction. No more than 5 percent of the funds made available through the grant for any fiscal year may be used for administrative expenses.

Types of Projects

Programs and projects may include the following activities:

- Planning or designing a program (for not more than one year);
- Making tuition transfer payments to public elementary or secondary schools to which students transfer under the program;
- Implementing capacity-enhancing activities that enable high-demand public elementary or secondary schools

to accommodate transfer requests under the program; and

- Paying for other costs reasonably necessary to implement a public school choice program.

Education Level (by category)

K-12

Subject Index

Charter Schools, Family Involvement, Magnet Schools, Parent Participation, School Choice

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Links to Related Web Sites

<http://www.ed.gov/programs/choice/index.html>